

EVENING READING

Following his return from visits to Argentina and Brazil in June, Henry Kissinger spoke to David Newsom on July 5.

He described current Argentine leaders as well-meaning toward the U.S. but feeling very keenly our "enormous pressure" on human rights. He said after meeting with various opposition leaders that President Videla represented the best of several disagreeable alternatives in Argentina. Ironically he said moderates in Argentina think we are against them and the leftists and extremists think we are for them. He feels we are risking forcing the Argentina military into a leftist alliance. He agreed that terrorism should not be sought with terrorist acts, but he felt the need to put other considerations more into the balance in our policy toward Argentina. He made no illusion to any plans to criticize the Administration in the U.S. for its policies. David Newsom explained where we currently stood and our hope that Argentina would make some significant move which would enable us to restart military sales and Exim financing.

On Brazil Henry said he thought relations were not good, but that our problems with Brazil could be remedied and that we would have a new chance with the new President.

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